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Those who feel that they have lost their God or their power to pray to Him will find this book to contain the most useful suggestions. It will also prove of great use as an introduction to the study of the theory of mysticism to those whose interest is purely scientific, metaphysical, and theological. J. B. T.

A THEOLOGY FOR THE SOCIAL GOSPEL. By Walter Rauschenbusch. New York: The Macmillan Company. 1917.

"The body of ideas which we call the social gospels is not the product of a fad or a temporary interest: it is not an alien importation or a novel invention: it is the revival of the most ancient and authentic gospel, and a scientific unfolding of essential elements of Christian doctrine which have remained undeveloped all too long: the rise of the social gospel is not a matter of choice but of destiny: the digestion of its ideas will excite a quickening and reconstructive influence on every part of theology" (p. 26).

The most serious charge that is commonly made against theology is that it is a speculative system, sufficient unto itself and remote from the concerns of human interest in the present world. Such a charge is plainly justified in certain of the traditional theologies. False ideas about God or the absence of any ideas about Him may lead to the most disastrous calamities to men and nations. Conversely, the widespread recognition of God as a God of justice—as the true Father of the human race—is bound to have a saving influence upon the historic destiny of man. True and saving ideas about God and mankind and their reciprocal relations are developed in this book of prophetic insight, and their acceptance by the bulk of mankind would be the best guarantee for the future security of the world of men. The author has known how to envisage the profounder meanings of theology as the guiding truths that can alone deliver men from the power of the kingdom of evil by making them the co-founders of the Kingdom of God.

Since this review was written, Professor Rauschenbusch has died. The press of the country has accorded to his work and worth the highest recognition. J. B. T.